

Sherbourn

7-150 Multi-channel Amplifier



Owner's Manual

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Thank You from Sherbourn

Thank you very much for your decision to purchase one of our superb Sherbourn amplifiers. We take enormous pride in the design and build quality of all of our products and we are confident that our product will provide you with many years of enjoyable and trouble free service. Should you have any need to call upon our services please feel free to contact us at the address shown at the end of this booklet; or, of course, you can contact the dealership from which you purchased the product. Full details of the warranty coverage provided by Sherbourn Technologies can be found at the end of this booklet.

Ron Fone,
President, Sherbourn Technologies, Inc.



Safety Precautions



Read this User's Guide thoroughly before attempting to install and configure the 7-150 Amplifier.

All the safety and operation instructions should be read before any operation of the component(s) begin. After successful installation and configuration of the 7-150, be sure to retain this manual in a safe place for any future reference needs.

All warnings on the 7-150 and in these operating instructions should be followed. Safety is a key component to a long lasting and trouble free installation. The vast majority of the subsequent safety precautions involve simple common sense. If you are not comfortable with the installation of audio/video entertainment equipment, it will be to your benefit to seek the services of a qualified installation professional or call us for help.



The 7-150 should NEVER be used near water such as a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool etc. There is a risk of electric shock to your body and permanent damage to the equipment. Electric shock may result in permanent bodily injury or death.

The 7-150 should be situated so that its location or installation position does not interfere with proper ventilation.

The 7-150 should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug or similar surface that may block any ventilation openings; or placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase, cabinet, or closed equipment rack that may impeded the flow of air through ventilation openings. If installed in a closed equipment rack for custom installations, be sure to add forced air ventilation so that it has adequate air circulation.

The 7-150 should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, or any other devices which produce heat.

The 7-150 should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in this User's Guide and what is labeled on the 7-150 component. Power supply cords should be routed so that they are not in high foot traffic areas or pinched by item placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at the wall plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they connect into the 7-150. The power cord for the 7-150 should be unplugged from the outlet when unused for a long period of time or just turn off the main power switch on the back of the unit.

When it's time for cleaning the 7-150, it should be cleaned only as recommended in this User's Guide. Never spray liquids directly into the component's vent openings. Care should be taken so that small objects do not fall into the inside of the 7-150.



The following situations require that your 7-150 be serviced only by qualified service personnel;

1. *The power-supply cord or the plug has been damaged; or*
2. *Objects have fallen, or liquid has spilled into the component; or*
3. *The 7-150 has been exposed to rain; or*
4. *The 7-150 does not appear to operated normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or*
5. *The 7-150 has been dropped, or its enclosure or chassis is damaged.*



The user should never attempt to service the 7-150 beyond the means described in this User's Guide. All other servicing should be referred to

Sherbourn or other qualified service personnel. **To prevent electric shock**, do not use this polarized plug with an extension cord, receptacle or other outlet unless the blades can be fully inserted to prevent blade exposure.

Grounding or Polarization - Precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of the component is not defeated.

This apparatus does not exceed the Class A /Class B (whichever is applicable) limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the radio interference regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

ATTENTION — Le present appareil numerique n'emet pas de bruits radioelectriques depassant las limites applicables aux appareils numeriques de classA/de class B (selon le cas) prescrites dans le reglement sur le brouillage radioelectrique edicts par les ministere des communications du Canada.

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WARNING - TO REDUCE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.



CAUTION - TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.

ATTENTION: POUR EVITER LES CHOCS ELECTRIQUES, INTRODUIRE LA LAME LA PLUS LARGE DE L .

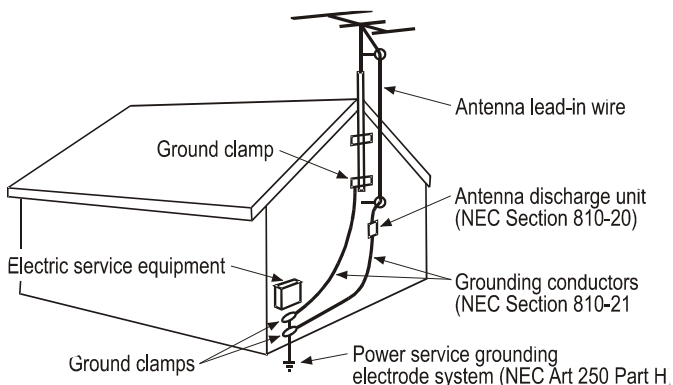
NEC (National Electrical Code) Standards

A Note for the Cable Television (CATV) Installer

This reminder is to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Antenna Grounding Outside the House

If an outside antenna is connected to the receiver, be sure the antenna system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode. See diagram below.



Cable TV Coaxial Cable, Satellite Dish Cables and Television Antennas should be grounded BEFORE the point of entry into the house.

Always observe proper antenna or satellite dish grounding techniques. When lightning strikes, there is always the possibility that your antenna or dish (mounted high on the roof) can become a conduit for lightning and electrically damage any equipment to which it's connected. Additionally, proper grounding offers safety to the people using the audio/video system in the event of an electrical problem.

Unpacking the 7-150

All Sherbourn amplifiers are double boxed to survive the rigors of long distance shipping and arrive to you undamaged. The outer box may show wear and tear, but this is no cause for alarm. The outer box's purpose is to protect the inner box. If the inner looks heavily damaged, and you are concerned about damage to the amplifier, please call Sherbourn Technical Support at 978-663-7385.

Inside the laminated inner box, the amplifier is securely seated between two reinforced pieces of high-density impact foam. At first glance, the cardboard backing on the foam may give the appearance of a third box, but it is easily lifted to reveal the amplifier, which is wrapped in static free plastic. The plastic sheeting is tucked underneath the amplifier and securely taped. It is recommended that the plastic sheeting be removed after the amp is lifted out from the box.

The bottom piece of foam is molded to fit tightly against the amplifier, but there is a recessed area on each side, allowing you to get your hands under the amplifier and lift it out of the box.

Note: These amplifiers are HEAVY! Lift with your legs!

Inventory: Included with your 7-150 Amplifier should be an IEC Class 1 two prong power cord and this manual.

It is important to save all the packing materials and the boxes in case your 7-150 ever needs to be moved or shipped back to the factory for service.

Make sure you keep your sales receipt. It is the only way for Sherbourn to establish the duration of your Limited Warranty and it may come in useful for insurance purposes.

Recording the Serial Number

Please read the serial number located on the rear panel and record it below along with the date of purchase.

Model Number **7-150**

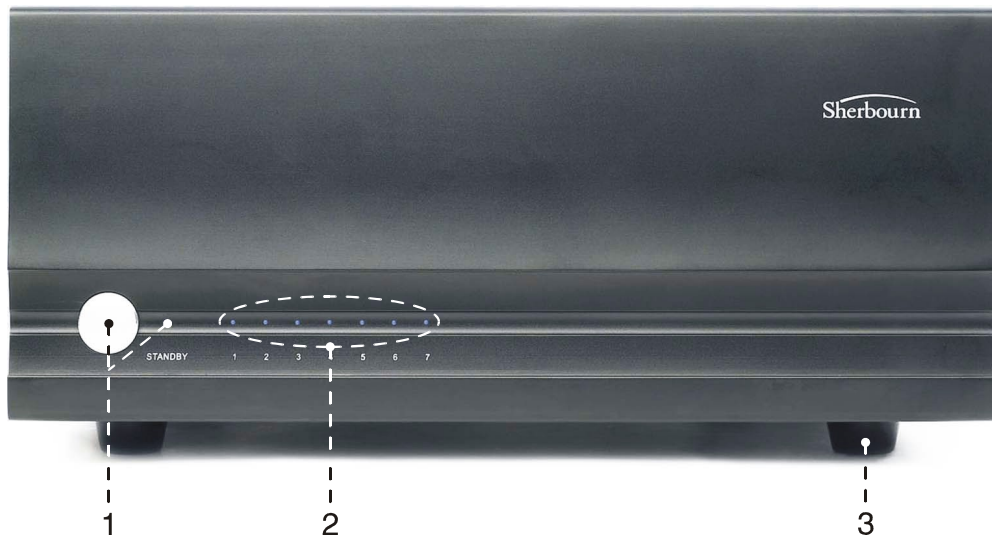
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Place of Purchase _____

Date of Purchase _____

7-150 Amplifier Features

- Audiophile quality performance and sound
- High current power supply
- Low noise toroidal power transformer
- Advanced microprocessor operating system
- Complementary, discrete power amplifier design incorporating high current, high speed, on semiconductor power devices
- Channel status indicators for standby, operate, and fault
- 12 volt trigger connections
- Completely stable into 4 ohm loads
- Signal to Noise Ratio is greater than 100dB, unweighted ref. full output
- THD .03% at rated power, 20Hz – 20kHz
- Fully protected from all fault conditions
- Soft start circuitry
- External trigger turn on
- Soft touch power switch
- Heavy duty, rack standardized chassis w/ solid milled aluminum faceplate
- IEC power inlet, 115/230 VAC Auto configurable



Front Panel Layout

1. Front Panel Power Switch

This switch provides the ON/OFF control of the 7-150 from the front panel. When the unit is off and in standby mode, the switch illuminates amber. Automatic switching is accomplished with the 3.5mm trigger input on the rear panel using a 5-12VDC control signal.

2. Front Panel LED Display

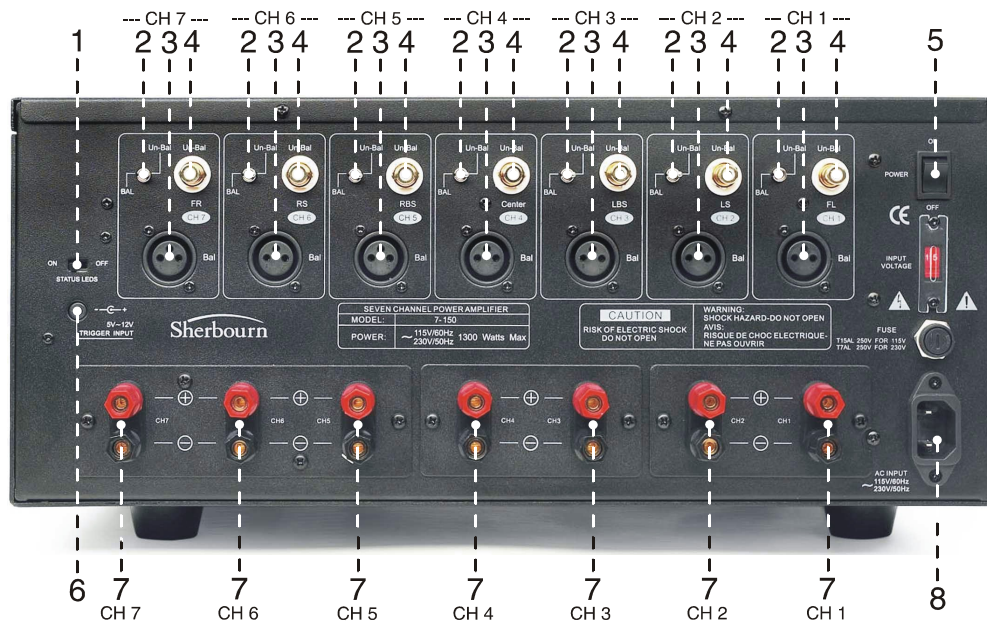
The front panel display contains Status LED lighting to indicate the condition of the 7-150.

- NO LED = Amplifier is OFF
- BLUE LED = Normal operational
- FLASHING RED LED = Fault Condition - see "Troubleshooting" section for details.

Note: The amplifier rear panel has an LED Status Selector which can turn the blue LEDs off.

3. Rubber Feet

Do not remove the feet from your amplifier. In addition to minimizing vibration and insulating the amplifier from the surface it is placed on, these feet are essential in allowing airflow under the amplifier for proper cooling.



Rear Panel Layout

1. **Status LED Switch** – Status LEDs can be turned on and off with this switch.

2. **Unbalanced / Balanced Input Selector** – When turned towards 'Un-Bal', the RCA (unbalanced) input is chosen and active. When turned towards 'Bal', the XLR / Balanced input is chosen and active.

3. **XLR / Balanced Audio Input** – Standard XLR input connection that connects to a standard XLR audio output connection on a preamplifier, receiver or multi-channel processor.

4. **RCA / Unbalanced Audio Inputs** – Standard RCA input connection that connects to a standard RCA audio output connection on a preamplifier, receiver or multi-channel processor.

5. **Master Power Switch** - This rocker switch provides the master power for the amplifier. After it is in the ON position, the amplifier can be turned on manually from the front panel switch or automatically with the trigger input via 3.5mm input jack. Under normal use, this switch should remain on, leaving the amplifier in standby position, and coming to full power with either the front panel 'standby' button, or activation through the remote trigger.

6. **Remote Trigger Input** – The 7-150 can be remotely triggered by another device, and in turn, remotely trigger another device. When a remote trigger output from a pre-amplifier, processor or other audio device is connected to the trigger input here, the amplifier will power up and shut down along with the first device. Another device (CD player, amplifier, etc) can be added to this chain using the trigger output. This 3.5mm jack accepts a 5-12 volt input for remote activation of the amplifier and mates directly with the Sherbourn processor trigger output. If building your own cable, center is positive and outer shield is negative.

7. **Speaker Outputs** (5 way Binding Posts) - These are the speaker outputs. The 5 way binding posts accept stripped speaker wire, banana plugs (single or dual), or spade connectors. Be sure to observe correct polarity when connecting speakers and be sure that the wires do not touch between positive and negative terminals.

8. **Power Receptacle** - This is a standard IEC 2 prong power receptacle. It is advised that this amplifier have a direct connection to a wall outlet. Do not plug into a "power strip".

Note: Potentially lethal voltages present! Never connect, disconnect or modify speaker wiring with the amplifier turned on.



Installation and Connections

AC Power Considerations

The majority of household electrical sockets (in places other than the kitchen and garage) are 15 amperes maximum, which is sufficient to power your Sherbourn amplifier. However, remember to account for the electrical power that other components will require if they share a common wall socket or electrical circuit. Most DVD players, preamplifiers and A/V source units are fairly low current items, and can successfully share a wall socket with your power amplifier, but big screen TVs and video projectors usually have minimum current requirements that can consume nearly an entire circuit. Refer to the owner's manuals of your audio/video devices to assess your electrical power requirements for your home entertainment system. If you have any questions relating to issues with the power requirements for your Sherbourn amplifier, please contact Sherbourn Support at: 978-663-7385.

Surge Protection - Along with built-in noise filtering, your Sherbourn amplifier is equipped with overcurrent, undercurrent, and spike protection.

Upon powering up your Sherbourn amplifier with the front panel switch or via 3.5mm trigger input (switch on the rear panel must be set to "ON"), you will notice the front panel LED lighting starts off red for 5 seconds and then turns to blue. This indicates the amplifier is "ON," functioning normally, and ready for operation. If you do not see an LED light or a blinking red LED light while the amplifier is on during (otherwise) normal operation, please refer to the troubleshooting section of this manual.

Physical Placement /Heat Considerations

Sherbourn series amplifiers employ convection cooling, which is very effective and completely noiseless. Under normal operating conditions, your Sherbourn amplifier will remain cool to mildly warm, but considerations for heat should be taken into account during placement.

Place your Sherbourn amplifier on a flat, level surface, with the weight distributed equally on all four feet. If using a cabinet or shelf, please make sure that there is sufficient ventilation and there is at least 6 inches of free air space above the amplifier and 3 inches on each side. If adequate ventilation is not available, you may consider installing two small brushless DC fans (such as those used in computer cases) to provide continuous airflow around the unit. If the amplifier is located on a carpeted surface, place a board under the amplifier's feet.

Do NOT block the ventilation holes on the amplifier.

Your Sherbourn amplifier is equipped with a massive toroidal power transformer. This transformer generates a magnetic field that could induce a hum in a turntable (particularly a turntable equipped with a moving coil cart-

ridge). Do NOT place a turntable directly above or directly adjacent to the amplifier.

Before placing the amplifier on a shelf, verify that the weight bearing capacity of the shelf is 80 lbs or greater. The amplifier is heavy and should be placed toward the bottom of an audio rack to minimize the rack being unnecessarily top heavy.

Input Connection Considerations

High quality, fully shielded RCA cables are recommended for use with Sherbourn amplifiers. 'Twisted Pair' cables are not recommended. Sherbourn amplifiers have an extremely high bandwidth, and twisted, non-shielded cables can actually act as an 'antenna', receiving outside interference and signals (EMI and RFI), which will cause the amplifier to go into protect mode.

Whenever possible, keep preamplifier level audio cables away from amplifier electrical power cords by at least a few inches. Amplifier AC power cords are carrying much more current than other source and preamplifier components, which means there is a larger degree of noise or "hum" potential with the amplifier power cord in close proximity.

Output Connection Considerations

The output connectors provided on each channel of Sherbourn amplifiers are standard "binding post" speaker connectors with industry standard spacing. These are sometimes called 5-way binding posts because of the many ways in which the speaker wire can connect into the posts. The posts can accept bare wire, spade terminals, and dual or single banana connectors. Spade connections or banana plugs ensure a simple, solid fit in the terminal whereas bare wire may be awkward when the terminal is screwed down to compress the wire into place. Keep in mind that if you use "dual banana" plugs and "stack" them, you will be creating a parallel connection. For more details on series and parallel connections, see pages 13-14.

It is important to observe polarity so that the speaker wire connects to the red and black terminals on the amplifier and the corresponding terminals at the speaker. Also, make sure that the positive speaker wires do not touch the negative speaker wires, or any chassis metal. This will cause a short circuit and activate the protection circuitry.

Connection Tips for Superior Sound

Before setting up your new system, please consider the following:

- Always make sure the amplifier is turned off before making or changing ANY connections.
- Whenever possible, route the power cords away from the signal cables or speaker wires to prevent any hum

or interference heard in the speakers.

- Many RCA type patch cords can be a very tight fit and there is usually a preferred method of removing them. Some have to be removed with a twisting action. Be gentle or you may damage the jacks of your amplifier, the cables themselves, or other components.
- Many audiophile signal cables are intended to be hooked up in one direction. If this is the case, the cables will be marked with arrows the direction of signal flow.
- It is usual for the right channel RCA patch cord plugs to be red and the left channel connections to be white, grey, or black (depending on the cable brand). RCA connectors that are gold will be designated with a colored band to designate the channel.

12V Trigger Connections

The 12 VDC trigger connection shown can be used to turn the amplifier on when the preamplifier turns on.

This trigger will actually work with any switched DC Voltage from 5-12 VDC, however, the majority of home theater components use a standard 12 VDC trigger connection for this function. This is the preferred connection as it has the greatest degree of reliability.

Never switch anything that plugs directly into the wall with this trigger connection. This action will damage the unit and VOID THE WARRANTY.

The speaker output terminals for each amplifier channel are located across the bottom. The top post of each binding post pair is the positive output, and connects to the positive (red) post of your speaker. The bottom post of each pair is the negative, and connects to the negative (black) post of your speaker.

Regardless of the configuration used for your Sherbourn amplifier channels, proper connection of each speaker is essential. The 5-way binding posts can accept bare wire, spade terminals, and dual or single banana connectors. Spade connections or banana plugs ensure a simple, solid fit in the terminal, whereas bare wire may be awkward when the terminal is screwed down to compress the wire into place.

Keep in mind that if you use “dual banana” plugs and “stack” them, you will be creating a parallel connection and this amplifier is not rated to play below 4 ohms per channel.

Series and Parallel Speaker Connections

Whenever connecting more than one speaker per channel to an amplifier (regardless of the brand), you must consider the way in which the amplifier will be impacted by adding the additional speaker(s). Additionally, speakers with dual voice coils also apply to this consideration. Two voice coils in a single speaker also cause different reactions from an amplifier depending on the way in which they connect to the amplifier.

Note: Before turning on your amplifier for the first time, be sure to check:

1. The Balanced / Unbalanced selectors for each amplifier channel (located on the rear panel). If the selection does not match the connection, the channel will not work. Make sure you are selecting the proper type of connection for the cables you are using.

2. The status and meter LED selectors on the rear panel. If these are in the 'off' position, the status and meter LEDs will not light.

The following information will help you deal with other common setup problems you may experience during normal use of your unit. If problems persist, contact Sherbourn technical support.

The connection of more than one speaker per channel will tend to degrade the speaker's frequency response and may make the amplifier run hot. For the best sonic results, use one speaker per amplifier channel. If you must connect more than one speaker per channel, there are two methods in which to do so: Series or Parallel.

Series Connections

A series connection is established when voice coils are connected in a string – end to end – so there's only one way for audio signals to flow “in” and only one way for audio signals to flow “out”. For example, if you were to series-connect two speakers to the front right channel of the amplifier:

- The positive output terminal of the right channel connects to the positive input post of the first speaker.
- The negative input post of the first speaker connects to the positive input post of the second speaker.
- The negative input post of the second speaker connects to the speaker's negative output terminal of the right channel.

The total impedance of speakers in series is found by adding their impedances together. For example; two, four-

ohm speakers in series is an eight-ohm load. Series connections are easier on the amplifier than parallel connections as the total impedance is higher than driving a single speaker.

Parallel Connections

A parallel circuit is established when voice coils are connected in a way that there are multiple paths for audio signals to flow “in” and multiple paths for audio signals to flow “out”. When speakers are connected in parallel, the total resistance at the amplifier is proportionally divided based on the value of each individual voice coil resistance. The term “divided” simply means all of the values together in parallel are a SMALLER value than each all by itself. For example, if you were to parallel connect two speakers to the front right channel of the amplifier; the positive output terminal of the right channel connects to the positive input post of the first speaker and to the positive post of the second speaker.

The negative output terminal of the right channel connects to the negative input post of the first speaker and to the negative post of the second speaker.

The total impedance of equal speakers in parallel is found by dividing the impedance of one speaker by the number of speakers. For example; two eight-ohm speakers in parallel is a four-ohm load (eight ohms divided by two), four eight-ohm speakers in parallel is a two-ohm load (eight ohms divided by four). Two-ohm single channel loads are NOT RECOMMENDED for Sherbourn amplifiers!

Running your amplifier below recommended impedance level can cause excessive heat and will eventually drive the amplifier into protect mode (blinking red LED's on the front of the unit).

Parallel connections are harder on the amplifier than series connection, as the total impedance is lower compared to driving a single speaker, and the amplifier must produce more current to drive them. Ideally, the total average impedance should be no less than 4 ohms per channel. You must make sure that the lower impedance does not cause the amplifier to overheat, shut down, blow the line fuse, or trip your circuit breaker. If this happens, you should reduce the number of speakers wired in parallel, rewire them in series, or use more than one power amplifier.

Technical Note about Multiple Speaker Connections

Although there are two possible connection types discussed in this manual, it is imperative that with either con-

nection type that you use loudspeakers of the same type and nominal impedance for these connections. In doing so, you have the most predictable outcome for your installation. When speakers of different nominal impedances and/or different bandwidths are used, there are many other acoustic problems that come into play in addition to complex impedance at the amplifier's speaker output terminals. If you must use multiple speakers on any individual amplifier channel, please use speakers as close to identical as possible.

Troubleshooting Guide

Sherbourn Series amplifiers are expertly designed and built to provide years of trouble-free performance. Most problems that occur can usually be solved by checking your setup or making sure that the audio and video components connected to the amplifier are on and fully operational.

Note: Before turning on your amplifier for the first time, be sure to check:

1. The Balanced / Unbalanced selectors for each amplifier channel (located on the back panel). If the selection does not match the connection, the channel will not work. Make sure you are selecting the proper type of connection for the cables you are using.

2. The status and meter LED selectors on the rear panel. If these are in the 'off' position, the status and meter LEDs will not light.

The following information will help you deal with common setup problems you may experience during normal use of your unit. If problems persist, contact Sherbourn support for help.

No Sound (from one or more speakers connected to the amplifier)

- Speaker cables may have come undone. Turn off your system and check the cables, tighten the amplifier and speaker binding posts.
- Damaged audio cable.
- The preamplifier volume level is low for the channels concerned. Recheck the preamplifier calibration procedure.
- A preamplifier Mute switch may be on, an external processor loop or a tape monitor loop is engaged.
- Check that your preamplifier or source is running the correct surround mode. Maybe it is set for 2-channel

stereo when you were expecting 5.1 surround sound.

- Check if any missing channels have been turned off in a preamplifier setup menu. For example, the center amplifier channel will not receive a signal if the preamplifier has been set to “Phantom”.
- If the unit is not on the ON/OFF switch on the 7-150 might be in the off position.
- An internal fuse on the unit may have blown. Contact Sherbourn Support for assistance.

The amplifier shuts down often or the line circuit breaker trips often

- Check that the positive and negative speaker wires are not shorted together.
- Make sure that no speakers are shorted internally. If you have an ohm-meter, disconnect the speaker wires and measure the resistance between the speaker’s positive and negative terminals.
- Measure all speakers and check their impedance specifications. If necessary, review the “Series and Parallel Connections” section in this manual.
- If you have connected speakers in parallel, the overall impedance may be too low. It is recommended that you rearrange the speakers in series to increase the overall impedance, thus taking some load off the amplifier.
- Make sure the amplifier has good ventilation and is not overheating. Allow good airflow underneath wherever possible. If the amplifier is in a closed rack, open up the rear panel or use a quiet fan for improved ventilation.

Poor Bass Performance From Full Range Speakers connected to the 7-150

- Make sure that your preamp does not have the bass (tone control) level turned down.
- Many surround preamplifiers have controls, which can direct all the bass to subwoofers, or let your main speakers play the full range. Make sure that the preamplifier has been correctly set. If you are not using a subwoofer, set the speaker options to “Large” where possible.
- Check that the speaker wires have been connected correctly: Make sure that the positive of each speaker connects to a positive output of the amplifier, and the negative of each speaker connects to the negative output. If one speaker is wired incorrectly, then it will be “out of phase” with the others, resulting in poor

bass performance. **DOUBLE CHECK ALL THE SPEAKER CONNECTIONS!!**

Turn-on and turn-off thumps

- Plug the amplifier into an unswitched AC outlet, and use the 3.5mm Trigger Input connection with a trigger between 5-12VDC from the source unit or preamplifier (such as the Sherbourn PRE-1 Preamp-lifier/Processor). This should allow the amplifier to turn on and off silently.
- If your powered subwoofer is the cause of the “thump” sound (not the other speakers connected to the 7-150), plug it into a different 115VAC outlet than the 7-150 amplifier so there is no power surge conflict.
- Install a line-conditioning device.

“Hum” Noises in the Speakers

- This problem is more than likely caused by a “ground loop” in your system, rather than a fault in the 7-150. Follow these steps to isolate the main cause of the hum; there may even be more than one. Remember to turn off all components in your system, including the amplifier, before disconnecting or connecting any cables during troubleshooting.
- Remember to turn off all components in your system, including the amplifier before disconnecting or connecting any cables during troubleshooting.
- Try to have all of your equipment on the same electrical outlet or circuit. Group all the low power components (preamp, CD player, DVD etc.) on a single outlet or power strip. This is provided that the overall current draw from your equipment does not exceed the rating of the outlet or breaker.
- Disconnect all cables, which come from outside the room, and check if the hum goes away. This includes such connections as cable TV, satellite TV, or roof top antennas. Make sure that they are disconnected where they first enter the room, so they are making no connection to the preamplifier or the TV, or any other component. If the hum is caused by the cable TV line, then you will need a “ground loop isolator.” This is an inexpensive device fitted in line with the coaxial cable feed. Contact your Cable Company or Sherbourn for assistance.
- Disconnect all connections from the preamplifier to your TV, VCR or DVD.
- As a test, disconnect any other component, which has a grounded power cord.

NOTE: Never remove the ground pin from any power cords (if present). This is very dangerous.

If the hum persists, disconnect all the source components one at a time from the back of the preamplifier, until you identify the problem.

- Try moving the speaker cables away from any power cords. Try just one speaker, connecting it to each amplifier channel and see if one channel is bad.
- Check that the interconnect cables to the amplifier do not have any broken connections. The best way to do this is to substitute a known good connection for the suspect connection. If you reverse the cables and the problem goes away, the cable may be damaged or broken. This is possible even if you can't physically see the break as the strain for pulling on audio cables can sometimes break the wire internally.

Ground loop isolators are available for audio lines and video devices. If you need assistance, contact Sherbourn. Although this is not always an ideal solution, the grounding differences between certain home entertainment components sometimes require ground loop isolators. This is the exception rather than the rule.

Other Probable Causes of Noise

- Speaker noise may also be caused by interference or noise on your AC line. Make sure there are no large appliances sharing the line, or halogen lamps or light-dimming Triac devices.
- Try connecting your system to another AC socket on a separate line.
- If the hum is heard from within the 7-150, and not through the speakers, this may also be caused by interference on the AC or DC lines. The power transformers may turn this interference into an audible noise. Internal hum can be made worse by a shelf or cabinet resonating, so try moving the 7-150 to another shelf.
- Try moving your components further away from the TV, especially if you notice the screen has changed color in the area closest to the component.
- If you have very high efficiency speakers, these may tend to reveal noises, which other speakers do not.

One or more RED lights on the Front Panel are Blinking

Your 7-150 Amplifier is equipped with a 'Protect Mode' to minimize the possibility of damage to either itself or speakers. If a problem is detected, the channel(s) at risk will shut down, following a red blinking on the corresponding indicator light(s).

Each RED light indicates a fault condition for the corresponding power module.

A fault condition is one or more of the following:

- Excessive Operating Temperature
- Excessive Current (Short Circuit)
- DC on the Outputs

An excessive temperature fault can be reset by allowing amplifier to cool and cycling power on/off button on the front panel. Excessive current (short circuit) can be reset by removing the cause of the short and cycling power on/off button on the front panel. DC at output is a possible fault condition that is equipment related and requires technical assistance. Please contact Sherbourn if you have repeated problems causing the RED front panel light to flash that are NOT thermal or short circuit related.

Problems with the whole A/V System

If you are having more complex problems in your overall home entertainment system (not just with the amplifier), please contact Sherbourn Support for assistance.

7-150 Technical Specifications

Number of Channels: 7

Signal to Noise Ratio:

1 watt: >115db

Full Power: >120db

Input Impedance:

Unbalanced: 23.5k ohms

Balanced: 33k ohms

Transformer Size: 850VA

Secondary Capacitance: 90,000uF

Output Devices: 4 per channel

Topology: Fully Discrete, Dual Differential, High Current, Short Signal Path Class A/B

Power output (all channels driven):

200 watts RMS @ 4 ohm (0.1% THD)

150 watts RMS @ 8 ohm (0.1% THD)

Power Band Response: 20 Hz to 20 kHz with less than 0.05db deviation at rated power

Broadband Frequency Response (-3db): 5Hz to 150kHz

Amplifier Gain: 32db

Size: 17" W x 7.75" H x 19" D

Weight: 66 lbs (84 lbs boxed))

Technical Features

- Fully protected from all fault conditions
- Advanced microprocessor operating system
- Soft start circuitry
- External trigger turn on
- Soft touch power switch
- 4RU chassis w/ solid milled aluminum faceplate
- IEC power inlet, 120/230 VAC configurable

- **Output design:** Triple Darlington with On output stages
- **Differential Drive:** Dual Differential input
- **Types of inputs:** Balanced (XLR) and Unbalanced (RCA)
- **Type of outputs:** Audiophile quality 5 way binding post
- **Display type:** Digital status indicators

Licensing and Trademark Disclosures

Sherbourn Disclosure

All Rights Reserved. Sherbourn reserves the right to make improvements to its products at any time. Therefore, the specifications of the product and the specific details of this manual are subject to change at any time.

Service Assistance for Sherbourn Products

Please note that BEFORE sending your amplifier in for repair you MUST call Sherbourn and obtain a return authorization (RMA) number. Before contacting Sherbourn to begin the RMA process, please have as detailed a description of the problem(s) you are experiencing and the conditions under which the problem(s) occur. Additionally, please be sure to check the troubleshooting guide in this manual to rule out the possibility of something simple you may have overlooked. Many instances of perceived failure are simple operational and setup mistakes and Sherbourn is happy to assist you however possible.

Once you have obtained the RMA number, you must print this clearly on the outside of the box so it will be possible to determine from whom the unit came once it arrives. Parcels arriving without an RMA numbers will be refused and returned freight collect.

Please send your repairs with RMA to:

Sherbourn Technologies
Attn.: Repair Department
19 Sterling Road
North Billerica, MA 01862
978-663-7385
www.Sherbourn.com

Five Year Limited Warranty

Subject to the terms and conditions stated below, Sherbourn Technologies, Inc. (Sherbourn) warrants to the original owner that this model 7-150 Amplifier shall be free from defects in workmanship or materials for a term of five (5) years from its date of purchase from an Authorized Sherbourn Dealer. Transfer of this product by its original owner (the 'Owner') will automatically terminate this Warranty regardless of when occurring.

In the event of any defect covered by this warranty, Sherbourn shall provide all parts, materials, and labor necessary to restore the Product to its original specifications, and shall return the Product to its owner at Sherbourn's expense. In the alternative, Sherbourn may at its sole option either replace the Product without charge, or if its replacement is not commercially practicable or repair or replacement cannot be accomplished within a reasonable time, Sherbourn may refund the purchase price of the Product, subject where appropriate to reasonable depreciation for actual use in accordance with applicable laws, in full satisfaction of its warranty obligations.

Sherbourn's sole obligation under this warranty shall be to repair or replace the product, or at its option refund the purchase price, as provided for hereinabove. Sherbourn does not warrant against, nor shall it be liable for, any of the following: removal or installation charges, shipping expenses to Sherbourn or its authorized service facility, loss of use, property damage of any kind, or other incidental or consequential damage or losses of any kind.

Note: Some states do not allow exclusion or limitation of consequential damages, so the foregoing exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty does not cover any of the following: (a) cabinetry, trim, or other appearance items (except where they are defective at the time of original sale and the Product is delivered for repair within the first thirty days (30) thereafter); (b) failures arising from accident, catastrophe, misuse, neglect, or failure to properly connect and operate the product in accordance with the accompanying instruction; (c) failures arising from improper installation of the Product or incompatibility of other components in the system of which the Product is a part; (d) failures of any kind in products (i) which have been purchased from other than Authorized Sherbourn dealers, or (ii) which evidence any tampering, alteration, or attempted servicing by anyone other than Sherbourn or an Authorized Sherbourn Service Facility; and Sherbourn

shall have no liability or obligation of any kind with respect to any of the foregoing losses types of failures.

To obtain service under this Warranty, the Owner must first obtain from Sherbourn a Return Authorization Number, and must then, at the owner's expense (i) arrange for any necessary de-installation of the Product, and (ii) deliver or ship the Product, properly packaged and clearly identified with the Return Authorization Number, prepaid, and insured, to Sherbourn at the address shown below, or to an Authorized Sherbourn Service Facility. In addition, the Owner must provide evidence that the Product is at the time of delivery within the scope of this Warranty, by including the ORIGINAL dated sales receipt with the Product when submitted for repair. Safeguard your original sales receipt, as it may be required to validate Warranty coverage

The owner is solely responsible for payment of all expenses for removing the Product from its installation, delivering it to Sherbourn or an Authorized Sherbourn Service Facility, and reinstalling it following repair, as well as for any repairs made to Products which are subject to the exclusions noted above.

In order to learn the name and address of the nearest Authorized Sherbourn Service Facility, obtain a Return Authorization Number and shipping instructions, or obtain answers to any other questions you may have concerning this Warranty, you may telephone Sherbourn between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday at (978) 663-7385, or write to our Service Department at Sherbourn Technologies, Inc., 19-4A Sterling Road, North Billerica, MA 01862.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

If this product has been purchased outside of the United States of America, you should contact your local dealer or distributor to determine the warranty coverage provided in your country.

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